



CHICAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF CHICAGO

July 9, 2019

***VIA EMAIL***

Matt Chapman  
76345-59048071@requests.muckrock.com

**FOIA RESPONSE: 195638**

Dear Mr. Chapman:

This letter is in response to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request received by the City of Chicago Fire Department (CFD) on July 1, 2019 and the CFD sought an extension on July 8, 2019 and is now responding to your request for the following information:

*A copy of all intergovernmental agreements.*

The FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information.

As your FOIA request is currently written, the dedication of staff, time and resources necessary to search through all intergovernmental agreements is unduly burdensome on the daily operations of the CFD.

Therefore, it is necessary that your FOIA request be narrowed and clarified. If you would like assistance in narrowing your request, please contact me, and I will assist you. Otherwise, as explained above, as your FOIA request is currently drafted, the CFD is unable to respond to the request.

If you agree to narrow your request, you must submit a revised written request to my attention. The Chicago Fire Department will take no further action or send you any further correspondence unless your current request is narrowed in writing.



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To the extent that your FOIA request has been denied, you have the right to have a denial reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706, (877) 299-3642. You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in Cook County Circuit Court.

Sincerely,

*Cynthia Lings*

CFDFOIA@cityofchicago.org

**Sherri Hicks**

19-5638

**From:** 76345-59048071@requests.muckrock.com  
**Sent:** Monday, July 01, 2019 1:53 PM  
**To:** CFDFOIA  
**Subject:** Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Request: Intergovernmental Agreements (Chicago Department Of Fire)

Chicago Department Of Fire  
FOIA Office  
3510 S. Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60653

July 1, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act., I hereby request the following records:

A copy of all intergovernmental agreements.

An example of an intergovernmental agreement is:

[https://www.chicago.gov/content/dam/city/depts/dcd/tif/T\\_014\\_CTACentralLoopIGA.pdf](https://www.chicago.gov/content/dam/city/depts/dcd/tif/T_014_CTACentralLoopIGA.pdf)

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 5 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Matt Chapman

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July 8, 2019

**VIA EMAIL**

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**CFD FOIA REQUEST: 19-5638**

Dear Mr. Chapman:

On behalf of the City of Chicago Department of Fire, I am responding to your Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") requests received in our offices on July 1, 2019. At this time, I am seeking an extension of five additional working days to respond to the 27 requests for one or more of the following reasons identified in 5 ILCS 140/3(e) of FOIA:

- ( ) the requested records are stored in whole or in part at other locations than the office having charge of the requested records;
- ( ) the request requires the collection of a substantial number of specified records;
- ( ) the request is couched in categorical terms and requires an extensive search for the records responsive to it;
- ( ) the requested records have not been located in the course of routine search and additional efforts are being made to locate them;
- ( ) the requested records require examination and evaluation by personnel having the necessary competence and discretion to determine if they are exempt from disclosure under Section 7 of the FOIA or should be revealed only with appropriate deletions;
- ( ) the request for records cannot be complied with by the public body within the time limits prescribed by 5 ILCS 140/3(d) without unduly burdening or interfering with the operations of the public body;
- (X) there is need for consultation, which shall be conducted with all practicable speed, with another public body or among two or more components of a public body having a substantial interest in the determination or in the subject matter of the request.

Sincerely,

**Sherri Hicks**  
**FOIA Officer**